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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 09/775,033	<b>Applicant(s)</b> FRIEDMAN ET AL.	
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 November 2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-25 and 42-67 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-25 and 42-67 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

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### **DETAILED ACTION**

This action is responsive to communications: Amendment, filed on 11/06/07.

Claims 1-25, and 42-67 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 42, and 67 are independent claims. In the Amendment, filed on 11/06/07, claims 1, 42, and 67 were amended.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1, 2, 5-11, 13, 14, 24-25, 43, 46-52, 54, 55, 65-66 and 67 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Humpleman US Patent 6,243,797 in view Braun Patent US 6,448,977.

As per claim 1, Humpleman teaches a method for controlling at least one computing element with a universal console, comprising:

receiving input from a user indicative of at least one user preference; (see Humpleman, column 21, lines 25-55; The user can indicate his preference for a home device, by creating a macro and choosing the parameters of the respective home device to their desired value, further; and home device includes pc and DTV; see Humpleman, column 23, lines 1-12; which are universal console because they control other device through macro; see Humpleman; column 6, lines 50-60)

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storing the at least one user preference; (see Humpleman; column 21, lines 50-70; save macro on home device)

selecting a computing element to control with the universal console; (see Humpleman, column 22, lines 40-50; The user selects the DVCR device button, the session manager determines the particular capabilities of the selected DVCR device and compares them with the particular capabilities of the other accessible devices on the home network; column 18, lines 20-55)

receiving by the universal console a canonical user interface description representative of the computing element's user interface, wherein the canonical user interface description includes at least one action-command operable to control said computing element; (see Humpleman, column 7, lines 15-60; The home device, which includes computing element, transfers its HTML to DTV, which the user can use to control the home device. HTML defines the control and command for that particular home device)

instantiating a user interface, said user interface providing at least one prompt for said user to select said at least one action-command, wherein said at least one prompt is provided in accordance with said stored at least one user preference and the canonical user interface description; (see Humpleman, column 7, lines 35-50; a device connected the home network that has a viewable display and employs the browser technology may receive and interpret the HTML files associated with the home devices connected to the home network, and graphically display the information contained therein using a GUI on its screen; Macro, which contains user preference, instantiate a user interface; see Humpleman; column 22, lines 5-40)

selecting at least one action-command to be carried out by the computing element using said user interface; (see Humpleman; column 18, lines 10-25; The user selects the DVCR device button, the session manager determines the particular capabilities of the selected DVCR device and compares them with the particular capabilities of the other accessible devices on the home network) and

transmitting to the computing element data associated with said at least one action-command using a remote procedure call mechanism. (see Humpleman; column 8, lines 5-20; In order to invoke the local http server to respond, clicking on a button preferably involves an http access to the local machine name or IP address. In turn, the Http server invokes the local device control program, such as “brightness.”)

However, Humpleman fails to teach at least one user preference defines at least one generalized rule characterizing one of the group consisting of a visual, an aural, and a tactile mode.

Braun (US 6,448,977) teaches at least one user preference defines at least one generalized rule characterizing one of the group consisting of a visual, an aural, and a tactile mode. (see Braun, col. 14, lines 6-45)

It would have been obvious to an artisan at the time of the invention to include Braun’s teaching with method of Humpleman in order to provide user with an invention is directed to a low-cost haptic feedback device connected to a computer system, the device being a relative device that provides spatially-based sensations such as textures in correlation with a displayed graphical environment.

As per claim 2, Humpleman and Braun teach a method according to claim 1.

Humpleman further teaches wherein said selecting at least one action-command includes requesting information about the state of said at least one computing element. (see Humpleman; column 20, lines 25-40; The data specifications of the DVCR for the play service, are subsequently forwarded to the session manger, and the DVCR's state of play is sent to session manager is upon user selecting play on the GUI; column 14 ,lines 60-column 15 ,lines 15; column 17, lines 10-25; Humpleman graying out deactivated buttons)

As per claim 5, Humpleman and Braun teach a method according to claim 1.

Humpleman further teaches carrying out said action-command by said computing element. (see Humpleman; column 18, lines 10-25; The user selects the DVCR device button, the session manager determines the particular capabilities of the selected DVCR device and compares them with the particular capabilities of the other accessible devices on the home network; see Humpleman; column 8, lines 5-20; In order to invoke the local http server to respond, clicking on a button preferably involves an http access to the local machine name or IP address. In turn, the Http server invokes the local device control program, such as "brightness.")

As per claim 6, Humpleman and Braun teach a method according to claim 1.

Humpleman further teaches the method including receiving by the UC notifications from the computing element. (see Humpleman; column 20, lines 25-40; The data specifications of the DVCR for the play service, are subsequently forwarded to the session manger, and the DVCR's state of play is sent to session manager is upon user selecting play on the GUI; column 14 ,lines 60-column 15 ,lines 15)

As per claim 7, Humpleman and Braun teach a method according to claim 6.

Humpleman further teaches wherein said notifications include at least one of an error message, warning message, status update message and state change. (see Humpleman; column 22, lines 50-column 23 , lines 30, Periodically determine what is in the DVD and CD player is determining state of the players)

As per claim 8, Humpleman and Braun teach a method according to claim 1.

Humpleman further teaches wherein said canonical UI representation is formatted according to an XML stream. (see, Humpleman each home device contain interface data of XML that provides an interface for the commanding and controlling of the home device over the home network)

As per claim 9, Humpleman and Braun teach a method according to claim 1.

Humpleman further teaches method including requesting a list of available devices that may be

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controlled by UC. (see Humpleman, column 15 ,lines 20-55; upon user selection, the session manger polls the device list file which contain all the available device)

As per claim 10, Humpleman and Braun teach a method according to claim 1.

Humpleman further teaches wherein communications between said UC and said computing element are made via Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP). (see, Humpleman each home device contain interface data of HTML that provides an interface for the commanding and controlling of the home device over the home network)

As per claim 11, Humpleman and Braun teach a method according to claim 1.

Humpleman further teaches wherein said computing element is one from the group of a computing device and an application. (see Humpleman column 6 ,lines 45-column 7, lines 10; the computing element includes computing device such as DTV, DVCR, DVD, DSS-NIU)

As per claim 13, Humpleman and Braun teach a method according to claim 1.

Humpleman further teaches wherein said canonical UI representation includes a representation associated with a parameter for choosing one element a from a set A. (see Humpleman; column 18, lines 5-35; use selects the display parameter from a list of the available device)

As per claim 14, Humpleman and Braun teach a method according to claim 1.

Humpleman further teaches wherein said canonical UI representation includes a representation



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associated with a parameter for selecting a subset A' from a set A. (see Humpleman; column 18, lines 5-35; use selects two device for the display parameter from a list of the available device)

As per claim 24, Humpleman and Braun teach a method according to claim 1.

Humpleman further teaches wherein said canonical UI representation includes a representation associated with a command construct that specifies at least one action to send to the controlled element that will carry out the action-command. (see Humpleman; column 18, lines 10-25; The user selects the DVCR device button, the session manager determines the particular capabilities of the selected DVCR device and compares them with the particular capabilities of the other accessible devices on the home network; see Humpleman; column 8, lines 5-20; In order to invoke the local http server to respond, clicking on a button preferably involves an http access to the local machine name or IP address. In turn, the Http server invokes the local device control program, such as "brightness.")

As per claim 25, Humpleman and Braun teach a method according to claim 24.

Humpleman further teaches wherein said canonical UI representation includes a description of the parameters associated with the at least one action. (see Humpleman; column 13, lines 55-column 14, lines 5; see Humpleman; column 8, lines 5-20; In order to invoke the local http server to respond, clicking on a button preferably involves an http access to the local machine name or IP address. In turn, the Http server invokes the local device control program, such as

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“brightness.”)

As per claim 42, Humpleman teaches a computer system comprising at least one universal console and at least one computing element operable to allow a user to control said at least one computing element, said system comprising:

at least one computing element having a canonical user interface description associated therewith, wherein said canonical user interface includes at least one action-command operable to control said computing element; (see Humpleman, column 7, lines 15-60; The home device, which includes computing element, transfers its HTML to DTV, which the user can use to control the home device. HTML defines the control and and command for that particular home device; )

a universal console for controlling said at least one computing element and operable to store user preferences input to the computer system by the user; (see Humpleman, column 21 ,lines 25-55; The uses can indicate his preference for a home device, by creating a macro and choosing the parameters of the respective home device to their desired value, further; and home device includes pc and DTV; see Humpleman, column 23 ,lines 1-12; which are universal console because they control other device through macro; see Humpleman; column 6, lines 50-60; see Humpleman; column 21, lines 50-70; save macro on home device)

wherein said at least one computing element communicates its associated canonical user interface description to said universal console; (see Humpleman; column 8, lines 5-20; In order to invoke the local http server to respond, clicking on a button preferably involves an http access to the local machine name or IP address. In turn, the Http server invokes the local device control program, such as “brightness.”)

wherein said universal console instantiates a user interface as a function of said canonical user interface description and said stored user preferences; (see Humpleman, column 21 ,lines 25-55; The uses can indicate his preference for a home device, by creating a macro and choosing the parameters of the respective home device to their desired value, further; and home device includes pc and DTV; see Humpleman, column 23 ,lines 1-12; which are universal console because they control other device through macro; see Humpleman; column 6, lines 50-60) and

wherein, thereafter, said universal console s operable to control said computing element via said user interface description by user-selection of said at least one action-command. (see Humpleman; column 18, lines 10-25; The user selects the DVCR device button, the session manager determines the particular capabilities of the selected DVCR device and compares them with the particular capabilities of the other accessible devices on the home network)

However, Humpleman fail to teach at least one user preference defines at least one generalized rule characterizing one of the group consisting of a visual, an aural, and a tactile mode.

Braun (US 6,448,977) teaches at least one user preference defines at least one generalized rule characterizing one of the group consisting of a visual, an aural, and a tactile mode. (see Braun, col. 14, lines 6-45)

It would have been obvious to an artisan at the time of the invention to include Braun's teaching with method of Humpleman in order to provide user with an invention is directed to a low-cost haptic feedback device connected to a computer system, the device being a relative device that provides spatially-based sensations such as textures in correlation with a displayed graphical environment.

As per claims 43, 46-52, 54, 55, and 65-66, they are rejected under the same rationale as claims 2, 5-11, 13, 14, and 24-25. Supra.

As per claim 67, Humpleman teaches a computer readable medium comprising computer executable instructions for controlling at least one computing element with a universal console, comprising:

means for receiving input from a user indicative of at least one user preference, wherein said at least one user preference (see Humpleman, column 21 ,lines 25-55; The uses can indicate his preference for a home device, by creating a macro and choosing the parameters of the respective home device to their desired value, further; and home device includes pc and DTV; see Humpleman, column 23 ,lines 1-12; which are universal console because they control other device through macro; see Humpleman; column 6, lines 50-60)

means for storing the at least one user preference; (see Humpleman; column 21, lines 50-70; save macro on home device)

means for selecting a computing element to control with the universal console; (see Humpleman, column 22, lines 40-50; The user selects the DVCR device button, the session manager determines the particular capabilities of the selected DVCR device and compares them with the particular capabilities of the other accessible devices on the home network; column 18, lines 20-55)

means for receiving by the universal console a canonical user interface description representative of the computing element's user interface, wherein the canonical user interface description includes at least one action-command operable to control said computing element; (see Humpleman, column 7, lines 15-60; The home device, which includes computing element, transfers its HTML to DTV, which the user can use to control the home device. HTML defines the control and and command for that particular home device)

means for instantiating a user interface said user interface providing at least one prompt for said user to select said at least one action-command, wherein said at least one prompt is provided in accordance with the canonical user interface and the stored at least one user preference; (see Humpleman; column 18, lines 10-25; The user selects the DVCR device button, the session manager determines the particular capabilities of the selected DVCR device and compares them with the particular capabilities of the other accessible devices on the home network)

means for selecting at least one action-command to be carried out by the computing element using said user interface; (see Humpleman; column 18, lines 10-25; The user selects the DVCR device button, the session manager determines the particular capabilities of the selected

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DVCR device and compares them with the particular capabilities of the other accessible devices on the home network) and

means for transmitting to the computing element data associated with said at least one action-command. (see Humpleman; column 8, lines 5-20; In order to invoke the local http server to respond, clicking on a button preferably involves an http access to the local machine name or IP address. In turn, the Http server invokes the local device control program, such as “brightness.”)

Humpleman fails to teach at least one user preference defines at least one generalized rule characterizing one of the group consisting of a visual, an aural, and a tactile mode.

Braun (US 6,448,977) teaches at least one user preference defines at least one generalized rule characterizing one of the group consisting of a visual, an aural, and a tactile mode. (see Braun, col. 14, lines 6-45)

It would have been obvious to an artisan at the time of the invention to include Braun’s teaching with method of Humpleman in order to provide user with an invention is directed to a low-cost haptic feedback device connected to a computer system, the device being a relative device that provides spatially-based sensations such as textures in correlation with a displayed graphical environment.

Claims 3, 15, 18-21, 44, 56, and 59-62 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Humpleman US Patent 6,243,707 in view of Braun Patent US 6,448,977. further in view of Miller US Patent 6,243,707.

As per claim 3, Humpleman and Braun teach a method according to claim 1. Humpleman fails to teach method further comprising interacting with at least one group hierarchy to obtain data in connection with said selected at least one action command to be carried out by the computing element.

Miller teaches a method further comprising interacting with at least one group hierarchy to obtain data in connection with said selected at least one action command to be carried out by the computing element. (see Miller column 2, lines 20-30; column 1, lines 30-40; Miller 's user interface display generates a display of multiple hierarchically ordered menus.)

It would have been obvious to an artisan at the time of the invention to include Miller's teaching with method of Humpleman in order to provide user with a simple graphical user interface for user interactive operation of apparatus.

As per claim 15, Humpleman and Braun teach a method according to claim 1. Humpleman fails to teach wherein said canonical UI representation includes a representation associated with a parameter for selecting one from the group of True/False, Off/On, OK/Cancel and Yes/No.

Miller teaches wherein said canonical UI representation includes a representation associated with a parameter for selecting one from the group of True/False, Off/On, OK/Cancel and Yes/No. (see Miller, column 6, lines 55-65; Menu item indicates subtitle activation status to the user with off/on status)

It would have been obvious to an artisan at the time of the invention to include Miller's teaching with method of Humpleman in order to provide users with a subtitle option

As per claim 18, Humpleman and Braun teach a method according to claim 1. Humpleman fails to teach wherein said canonical UI representation includes a representation associated with a parameter type for an arbitrary string s.

Miller teaches canonical UI representation includes a representation associated with a parameter type for an arbitrary string s. (see Miller, column 6, lines 45—55; User can associate password parameter with an arbitrary string)

It would have been obvious to an artisan at the time of the invention to include Miller's teaching with method of Humpleman in order to allow users to set up a password.

As per claim 19, Humpleman, Braun and Miller teach a method according to claim 18. Miller further teaches wherein said arbitrary string s is to be selected from a suggestion set of strings S. (see Miller, column 7, lines 10-20; User can selection a language from a set of the language choices.)

It would have been obvious to an artisan at the time of the invention to include Miller's teaching with method of Humpleman in order to provide users with a subtitle option.

As per claim 20, Humpleman and Braun teaches a method according to claim 1. Humpleman fails teaches said canonical UI representation includes a representation associated with a parameter type for the modification of a given first string s, resulting in a second string s'.

Miller teaches said canonical UI representation includes a representation associated with a parameter type for the modification of a given first string s, resulting in a second string s'. (see Miller, column 7, lines 30-45; User can the complete the given parameter in order to create a player list)



It would have been obvious to an artisan at the time of the invention to include Miller's teaching with method of Humpleman in order to allow to set up a player list for dvd and cd player.

As per claim 21, Humpleman and Braun teach a method according to claim 1. Humpleman fails to teach wherein said canonical UI representation includes a representation associated with a parameter type for ordering the elements of set A into A'.

Miller teaches wherein said canonical UI representation includes a representation associated with a parameter type for ordering the elements of set A into A'. (see Miller, column 7, lines 30-45; Users can reorder the songs within the playlist)

It would have been obvious to an artisan at the time of the invention to include Miller's teaching with method of Humpleman in order to allow to set up a player list for dvd and cd player.

As per claims 44, 56, and 59-62, they are rejected under the same rationale as claims 3, 15, 18-21. Supra.

Claims 16, 17, 57, and 58 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Humpleman US Patent 6,243,707 in view of Braun Patent US 6,448,977 further in view of Davis US Patent 5,615,347.

As per claim 16, Humpleman and Braun teach a method according to claim 1. However, Humpleman fails to teach wherein said canonical UI representation includes a representation associated with a parameter for selecting an integer n in the range n1 through n2, with increment.

Davis teaches a canonical UI representation includes a representation associated with a parameter for selecting an integer  $n$  in the range  $n_1$  through  $n_2$ , with increment  $\phi$ . (see Davis, column 11, lines 1-27; The users can increase the timer by mins)

It would have been obvious to an artisan at the time of the invention to include Davis' teaching with method of Humpleman in order to provide users with the ability to set timers.

As per claim 17, Humpleman and Braun teach a method according to claim 1. However, Humpleman fails to teach wherein said canonical UI representation includes a representation associated with a parameter for selecting a real number  $x$  in the range  $x_1$  through  $x_2$ , with increment  $\phi$ .

Davis teach wherein said canonical UI representation includes a representation associated with a parameter for selecting a real number  $x$  in the range  $x_1$  through  $x_2$ , with increment  $\phi$ . (see Davis, column 11, lines 1-27; The users can increase the timer by fraction of hour)

It would have been obvious to an artisan at the time of the invention to include Davis' teaching with method of Humpleman in order to provide users with the ability to set timers.

As per claims 57 and 58, they are rejected under the same rationale as claims 16 and 17. Supra.

Claims 22, 23, 63, and 64 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Humpleman US Patent 6,243,707 in view of Braun Patent US 6,448,977 further in view of Yoshino US Patent 6,131,111.

As per claim 22, Humpleman and Braun teach a method according to claim 1. However, Humpleman fails to teach wherein said canonical UI representation includes a representation associated with a parameter type for pairing set A elements with set B elements.

Yoshino teaches canonical UI representation includes a representation associated with a parameter type for pairing set A elements with set B elements. (see, Yoshino, column 7, lines 20-63; Users associates D-TV and its channel with D-VCR and its recoding operation)

It would have been obvious to an artisan at the time of the invention to include Yoshino's teaching with method of Humpleman in order to provide users with the ability to connect devices together.

As per claim 23, Humpleman and Braun teach a method according to claim 1. However, Humpleman fails to teach wherein said canonical UI representation includes a representation associated with a group that contains at least one of commands and subgroups.

Yoshino teaches canonical UI representation includes a representation associated with a group that contains at least one of commands and subgroups. (see, Yoshino, column 7, lines 20-63; Users associates D-TV and its channel with a recoding operation)

It would have been obvious to an artisan at the time of the invention to include Yoshino's teaching with method of Humpleman in order to provide users with the ability to connect devices together.

As per claims 63 and 64, they are rejected under the same rationale as claims 22 and 23. Supra.

Claims 4 and 45 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Humpleman US Patent 6,243,707 in view of Braun Patent US 6,448,977 further in view of Orr US Patent RE 39,003.

As per claim 4, Humpleman and Braun teach a method according to claim 1. However, Humpleman fails to teach wherein said storing includes storing data indicating at least one disability of the user.

Orr et al. teaches wherein said storing includes storing data indicating at least one disability of the user. (see Orr, column 2, lines 35-30; Users set desire parameters for caption based on their disability)

It would have been obvious to an artisan at the time of the invention to include Orr's teaching with method of Humpleman in order to provide user who is both hearing and seeing impaired may optimize the video and text sizes to suit the disability of the user.

As per claim 45, it is rejected under the same rationale as claims 4. Supra.

Claims 12 and 53 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Humpleman US Patent 6,243,707 in view of Braun Patent US 6,448,977 further in view of Donner US Patent 7,162,454.

As per claim 12, Humpleman and Braun teach a method according to claim 1. However, Humpleman fails to teach wherein said remote procedure call mechanism makes calls according to Simple Object Activation Protocol (SOAP).

Donner teaches a remote procedure call mechanism makes calls according to Simple Object Activation Protocol (SOAP). (see Gandhi, column 32, lines 1-20; Simple object access protocol (SOAP) is used for remote procedure calls based on XML, and HTTP.)

It would have been obvious to an artisan at the time of the invention to include Donner's teaching with method of Humpleman in order to provide device control after its discovery.

As per claim 53, it is rejected under the same rationale as claim 12. Supra.

***Response To Argument***

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-25, and 42-67 have been considered but are deemed to be moot in view of the new grounds of rejection.

***Conclusion***

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

***Contact Information***

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